

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of    })  
WATANABE et al.    })  
Application Number: To be Assigned    })  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith    })  
For: A MAGNETIC HEAD AND A MAGNETIC DISK DRIVE                         })  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.      NITT.0159    })

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to correct improper claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: